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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MailStop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments:**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 16, 2007, to which a reply is due August 16, 2007.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not being made.

**Amendments to the Claims / Claim Listing** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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